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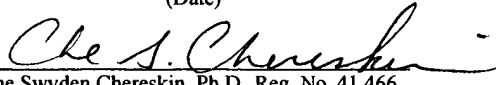
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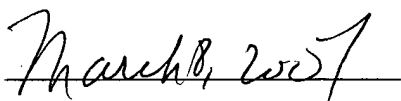
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Applicants hereby request that the Official Filing Receipt, a copy of which is enclosed, be corrected to reflect the true spelling of the inventor's city of residence. The correct spelling is EDEGEM, not Edegen. Also, Application PCT/BE03/00207, filed on December 1, 2003, should be added to the Filing Receipt as a Foreign Applications priority. Supporting document is provided herewith.

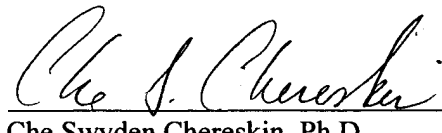
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Title

Highly optimized nonlinear least squares method for sinusoidal sound modelling

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PATENT

WHEREAS, I/WE (1) Wim D'Haes, a Belgian citizen, residing at Maastrichtersteenweg 223/2, B-3500 Hasselt, Belgium, hereinafter referred to as Assignor (collectively if more than one inventor is listed above), have invented certain new and useful improvements in A HIGHLY OPTIMIZED NONLINEAR LEAST SQUARES METHOD FOR SINUSOIDAL SOUND MODELING, the specification of which:

- (a) ☐ was executed on even date herewith;
- (b) ☐ was filed on _____ as ☐ Application No. 0 / _____ or ☐ Express Mail No., as Application No. not yet known _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable); or
- (c) ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013630 filed on December 1, 2004 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on October 3 2005 (if any) and/or under PCT Article 34 on _____ (if any).

AND WHEREAS, AIC, with its principal place of business at Drie Eikenstraat 661, B-2650 Edegem, Belgium, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee) desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements with respect to the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the United States of America, and its territories and possessions in, to and under said improvements, and any Patent Applications in the United States of America and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue all Patents for said improvements to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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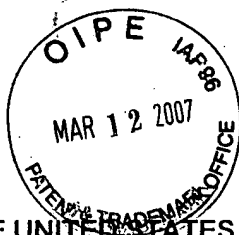
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention, please insert the following section:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/EP2004/013630, filed December 1, 2004 which claims priority to PCT/BE03/00207, filed December 1, 2003.

On page 42 before Claim 1, please amend as follows:

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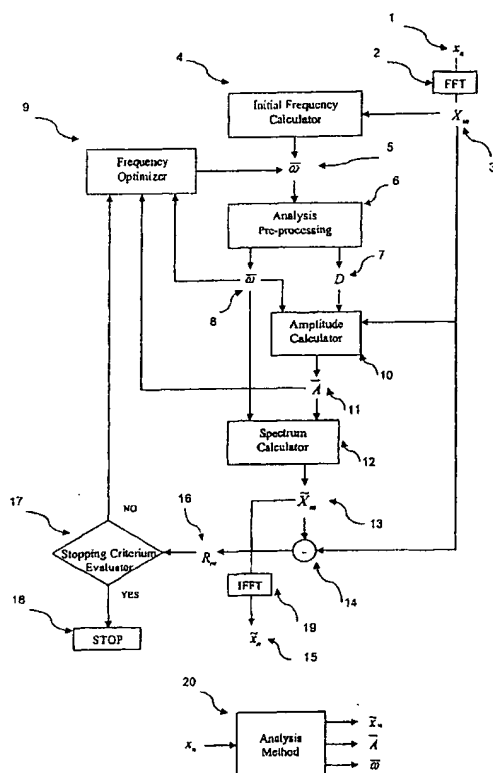
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(54) Title: A HIGHLY OPTIMIZED NONLINEAR LEAST SQUARES METHOD FOR SINUSOIDAL SOUND MODELLING



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for modelling, i.a. analyzing and/or synthesizing, a windowed signal such as sound or speech signals, by computing the frequencies and complex amplitudes from the signal using a nonlinear least squares method, whereby the computational complexity is reduced by taking into account the bandlimited property of a window.

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